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1. BUDGET PROCEDURE

1.1. Preliminary Draft Budget (PDB) 2010

The 2010 Preliminary Draft Budget (PDB) was adopted by the Commission and proposed to the Budgetary Authority on 29 April 2009.

The proposal for the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) under heading 2 of the Financial Framework 2007-2013 totalled EUR 13 970 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 12 648 million in payment appropriations (of which EUR 300 million entered in reserve for the European Economic Recovery Package -EERP).

Budget Item	Commitment appropriations (in €)	Payment appropriations (in €)
05.040501 (Rural dev. programmes)	13 947 136 182	* 12 639 000 000
05.040502 (Technical assistance)	22 548 451	9 000 000
*EUR 300 000 000 entered in reserve for the EERP		

1.2. Draft Budget (DB) 2010

The Council adopted the 2010 Draft Budget in July 2009. The payment appropriations for EAFRD programmes were reduced by EUR 98.0 million as compared to the PDB.

1.3. Amending Letter (AL) 2010

In October 2009 the Commission adopted Amending Letter No 2 to the 2010 PDB. Even though the Amending Letter exercise mainly concerns the EAGF, the commitment appropriations for EAFRD programmes were modified to reflect an additional funding for a total net amount of EUR 388.4 million. This net amount relates to the second part of the EERP, the non application of voluntary modulation in Portugal and a minor adjustment of compulsory modulation in Spain. Payment appropriations decreased by EUR 32.8 million to take account of the non application of voluntary modulation in Portugal.

1.4. The adoption of the 2010 Budget

The Council second reading, adopted on 20.11.2009, did not involve any modification of the EAFRD appropriations proposed in the Amending Letter.

The European Parliament adopted the 2010 budget in its plenary session of December 2009.

The voted EAFRD budget amounted to EUR 14 358 million in commitment appropriations and EUR 12 615 million in payment appropriations.

Budget Item	Commitment appropriations (in €)	Payment appropriations (in €)
05.040501 (Rural dev. Programmes)	14 335 536 182	12 606 200 000
05.040502 (Technical assistance)	22 548 451	9 000 000

2. MANAGEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

2.1. Management of Commitment appropriations

2.1.1. EAFRD operational programmes

In 2010 the available commitment appropriations amounted in total to EUR 14.59 billion. Of this amount, EUR 14.34 billion corresponded to the approved budget and EUR 252 million were appropriations carried over from 2009. The carryover decision, adopted in February 2010, concerned part of the EERP appropriations that could not be committed in 2009 due to the late submission of some revised rural development programmes from the Member States.

The total amount of appropriations available for EAFRD programmes in 2010 was committed (EUR 14.59 billion).

Management of commitment appropriations in 2010 – EAFRD	Budget Item 05.040501 (amounts in €)
Appropriations at the beginning of 2010	14 335 536 182
Carry-over from 2009	252 029 757
Appropriations available in 2010	14 587 656 939
Appropriations used in 2010	14 587 565 939

2.1.2. Technical assistance

Article 69, 2nd paragraph of Council regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 stipulates that 0.25% of the resources for Community support to rural development shall be devoted to technical assistance for the Commission. In the 2010 budget, the amount available for this purpose was EUR 22.5 million. At the end of 2010, the total amount committed was EUR 4.9 million.

2.2. Management of payment appropriations

2.2.1. EAFRD operational programmes

In 2010 the initial payment appropriations amounted to EUR 12.6 billion. In view of the revised payment forecast submitted by the Member States in September 2010, the appropriations were reduced by EUR 1 160 million through the global transfer procedure. Once the Member States submitted their declarations of expenditure for the third quarter, an additional surplus of EUR 330 million was identified and proposed for reduction in a Draft Amending Budget. However, as this Amending Budget was finally not adopted, those payment appropriations remained unused at the end of the year. The unused amount reflects the fact that declarations of expenditure for the third quarter were slightly below the revised forecasts; and the fact that part of the payment requests for the third quarter submitted by several Member States could not be reimbursed because of the exhaustion of the available commitment appropriations. The unused appropriations were carried over to 2011.

The total amount paid to Member States for EAFRD programmes in 2010 reached EUR 11.1 billion.

Management of payment appropriations in 2010 – EAFRD	Budget Item 05.040501 (amounts in €)
Appropriations at the beginning of 2010	12 606 200 000
Global transfer	-1 160 000 000
Appropriations available in 2010	11 446 200 000
Appropriations used in 2010	11 116 180 326
Unused amounts and carry over at the end of 2010	330 019 674

2.2.2. Technical assistance

In the 2010 budget, the amount for payment appropriations was EUR 9 million. This amount was reduced by EUR 2.5 million through the global transfer. At the end of the year, the total amount of payments was EUR 4.4 million, leaving EUR 2.1 million unused.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2010 EAFRD BUDGET

3.1. Introduction

Financial year 2010 mostly represented a consolidation period where many rural development programmes attained their cruising speed. However, this was an uneven situation as several programmes showed significant implementation difficulties because of the economic and financial crisis which had an effect on the Member States' ability to provide the national co-financing and might have

caused beneficiaries to hesitate to enter into any commitments; the late approval of certain programmes; and the lack of sufficient previous experience of some Member States in the implementation of Rural Development programmes.

3.2. Implementation of commitment appropriations

3.2.1. EAFRD operational programmes

The table below shows the amounts committed per Member State in 2010 and the allocation established by Commission decision 2006/636/EC (modification of April 2010 still in force at the end of the year).

In 2010, the commitment appropriations available for EAFRD programmes amounted to EUR 14.59 billion. This amount included EUR 14.34 billion corresponding to the 2010 allocation as established in Decision 2006/636/EC and EUR 252 million carried over from 2009. All the available appropriations were committed during the year (EUR 14.34 billion).

Commission Decision 2006/636/EC (last version in force end of 2009) vs. the amounts committed end of 2010:			
Budget item: 05.040501			
<i>(in €)</i>			
MS	Commission Decision 2006/636/EC – EU funds 2010	Amounts carried over for commitment in 2010	Amounts committed in the budget year 2010
	(a)	(b)	(c=a+b)
AT	586 983 505	0	586 983 505
BE	70 637 509	1 110 000	71 747 509
BG	412 748 664	19 500 000	432 248 664
CY	23 911 507	0	23 911 507
CZ	415 632 774	21 000 000	436 632 774
DE	1 311 256 553	14 229 104	1 325 485 657
DK	85 052 762	0	85 052 762
EE	104 667 353	0	104 667 353
ES	1 400 090 047	49 871 207	1 449 961 254
FI	313 973 134	126 846	314 099 980
FR	1 091 752 155	165 200	1 091 917 355
GR	492 922 509	28 720 000	521 642 509
HU	529 160 494	28 440 000	557 600 494
IE	363 518 252	17 680 000	381 198 252
IT	1 256 577 236	38 596 000	1 295 173 236
LT	253 855 536	0	253 855 536
LU	13 838 190	0	13 838 190
LV	153 226 381	0	153 226 381
MT	10 964 212	0	10 964 212
NL	87 111 293	0	87 111 293
PL	1 935 872 838	0	1 935 872 838
PT	592 619 895	0	592 619 895
RO	1 401 644 651	0	1 401 644 651
SE	280 491 463	13 820 000	294 311 463
SI	134 100 946	0	134 100 946
SK	266 600 239	14 700 000	281 300 239
UK	746 326 084	4 071 400	750 397 484
Total	14 335 536 182	252 029 757	14 587 565 939

3.2.2. Technical assistance

The table below shows the commitment appropriations for technical assistance consumed in 2010. The most important part is related to European Network for Rural Development.

Technical assistance – Implementation of commitment appropriations	
Budget Item: 05.040502 (in €)	
Description	Amount committed
Contact point of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)	4 061 754
Information technology	219 730
Thematic working groups ENRD	350 754
Experts committee on the evaluation of rural development programmes	200 000
Publications	100 387
Total	4 932 625

3.3. Implementation of payment appropriations

3.3.1. EAFRD operational programmes

In the 2010 budget the amount for payment appropriations was EUR 12.61 billion. The global transfer reduced this amount by EUR -1.16 billion so that the appropriations of the year finally amounted to EUR 11.45 billion.

At the end of 2010, the total amount paid for EAFRD programmes was EUR 11.12 billion. The difference between the appropriations of the year (EUR 11.45 billion) and the total amount paid is EUR 330 million, which represents an under-execution of 2.88%. It should be noted that the payments made in 2010 increased more than 35% compared to 2009.

The table below shows the breakdown of payments made in 2010 by declaration period :

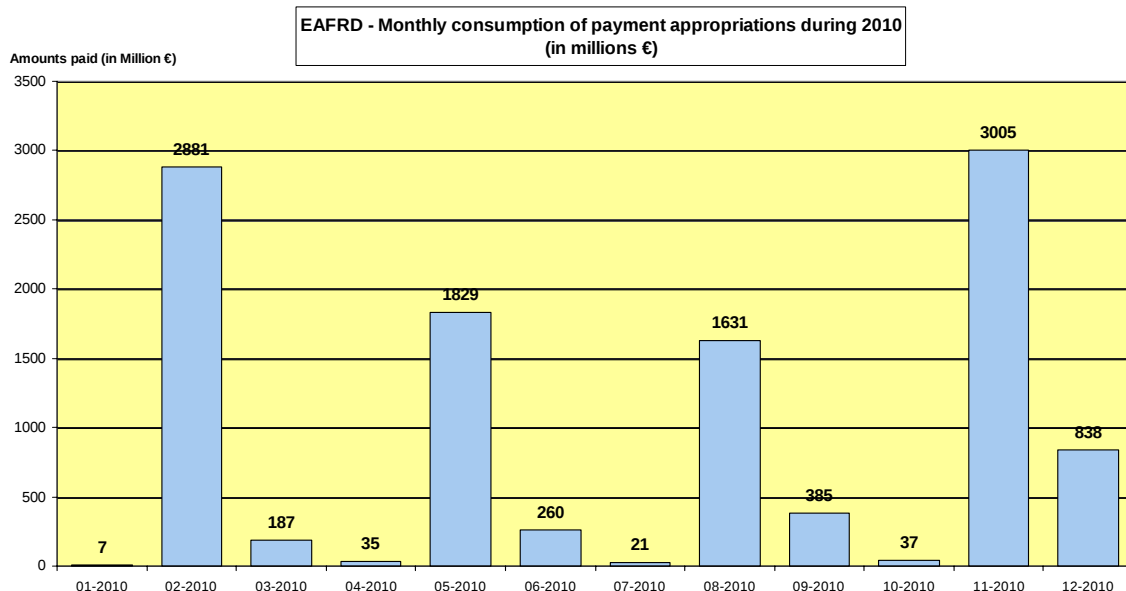
Payments 2010 – EAFRD operational programmes	million €
Reimbursement of payment claims Q3 2009	127.31
Reimbursement of payment claims Q4 2009	2 947.20
Reimbursement of payment claims Q1 2010	2 124.25
Reimbursement of payment claims Q2 2010	2 073.00
Reimbursement of payment claims Q3 2010	3 443.28
Advances	401.15

Total 2010	11 116.18
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The reimbursement of 3rd quarter 2010 for 5 EAFRD programmes was totally or partially on hold at the end of the year because the outstanding commitment appropriations for these programmes were fully exhausted by the payment of previous claims. The table below shows the 5 EAFRD programmes and the corresponding amounts. The payment had to wait until the annual commitments for 2011 were made.

EAFRD Programs– N° CCI	Q3 2010 (in€)
Vlaanderen (2007BE06RPO001)	6 655 665
Bayern (2007DE06RPO004)	29 517 043
Ireland National (2007IE06RPO001)	32 730 873
Bolzano (2007IT06RPO002)	990 232
Luxembourg (2007LU06RPO001)	262 045
Total	70 155 858

The monthly consumption of payment appropriations during the year (January to December 2010) is represented in the graph below. The rhythm of consumption is linked to the calendar for sending the four payment declarations (31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 10 November for the payment claims corresponding respectively to Q4 2009, Q1 2010, Q2 2010 and Q3 2010).



The breakdown per Member State and per declaration period of the amounts paid by the Commission in budget year 2010 is shown in the following table. The amounts from column Q3 2009 relate to the EAFRD programmes that

exhausted their commitment appropriations for 2009 and had to wait until 2010 to have their amounts reimbursed with the 2010 commitment appropriations.

Payments effectively made between 01/01/2010 and 31/12/2010							(in €)
MS	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Q2 2010	Q3 2010	Advances	Grand Total
AT		455 569 614	43 672 108	44 906 450	37 674 070	7 987 420	589 809 662
BE	6 425 513	5 218 982	10 904 604	26 499 701	16 734 243	4 821 180	70 604 223
BG		10 833 902	99 737 836	109 667 733	55 280 536	2 320 500	277 840 508
CY		5 844 859	4 092 969	3 006 340	3 221 705	142 800	16 308 673
CZ		71 116 190	219 606 417	92 176 063	55 446 653	2 940 000	441 285 322
DE	10 634 843	449 653 563	137 650 080	90 433 394	374 027 292	67 702 460	1 130 101 633
DK		22 509 479	11 031 696	8 301 380	9 257 104	9 328 060	60 427 719
EE		11 014 279	52 150 110	12 978 492	16 374 090	635 460	93 152 431
ES	2 506 310	219 017 075	146 477 779	148 788 488	290 719 234	58 741 200	866 250 086
FI	98 743	79 327 737	13 676 425	12 679 542	181 220 600	5 256 020	292 259 068
FR		186 049 035	130 073 442	92 283 874	382 352 635	79 977 240	870 736 226
GR		39 973 082	12 150 331	119 315 280	233 200 744	13 924 680	418 564 116
HU		146 605 566	114 137 436	112 972 138	77 779 633	3 797 360	455 292 132
IE	107 643 643	87 587 253	55 583 262	38 086 416	81 473 859	10 823 820	381 198 252
IT		175 925 287	77 580 985	126 397 795	235 683 411	48 564 040	664 151 518
LT		60 891 489	73 440 397	56 368 010	49 387 045	1 570 380	241 657 321
LU		5 362 753	5 090 031	1 385 947	3 765 284	344 400	15 948 416
LV		33 969 622	45 596 012	25 735 665	51 538 859	928 200	157 768 358
MT		1 937 682	1 439 925	2 877 517	10 853 260	71 400	17 179 784
NL		17 739 157	17 108 137	13 801 790	16 761 310	7 467 320	72 877 714
PL		329 716 307	477 616 176	283 114 658	337 768 509	11 822 300	1 440 037 950
PT		43 519 546	33 409 884	137 575 894	232 644 503	9 078 860	456 228 687
RO		60 250 707	64 728 636	279 349 875	349 034 410	7 118 580	760 482 207
SE		114 003 289	37 089 368	21 201 521	112 977 181	8 918 980	294 190 338
SI		43 330 855	12 979 172	36 286 031	18 819 694	1 100 820	112 516 573
SK		154 336 375	75 990 280	72 653 554	72 766 745	1 924 300	377 671 253
UK		115 891 789	151 235 571	104 153 251	136 518 327	33 841 220	541 640 158
Total	127 309 052	2 947 195 476	2 124 249 066	2 072 996 797	3 443 280 935	401 149 000	11 116 180 326

Of the total amount paid in 2010 EUR 10.72 billion, relates to reimbursements and EUR 401 million to advances.

The table in the next page compares, for each Member State, the EAFRD payments made in 2010 with the payments in 2009. While interim payments in 2010 increased by 30.5% compared to 2009 (EUR 10.72 billion vs. 8.21 billion), total payments increased by 35.4% (EUR 11.12 billion vs. 8.21 billion) due to the impact of the supplementary advances paid during the year

Payments made to Member States - Comparison 2010 vs 2009							(in €)	
MS	2009			2010			Difference 2010 vs. 2009	
	Interim payments	Prefinancing	Total	Interim payments	Prefinancing	Total	(in €)	(in %)
AT	550 352 330		550 352 330	581 822 242	7 987 420	589 809 662	39 457 332	7.2%
BE	57 909 148		57 909 148	65 783 043	4 821 180	70 604 223	12 695 075	21.9%
BG	127 052 991		127 052 991	275 520 008	2 320 500	277 840 508	150 787 517	118.7%
CY	16 161 768		16 161 768	16 165 873	142 800	16 308 673	146 904	0.9%
CZ	340 175 929		340 175 929	438 345 322	2 940 000	441 285 322	101 109 393	29.7%
DE	930 186 410		930 186 410	1 062 399 173	67 702 460	1 130 101 633	199 915 223	21.5%
DK	53 861 495		53 861 495	51 099 659	9 328 060	60 427 719	6 566 224	12.2%
EE	95 121 150		95 121 150	92 516 971	635 460	93 152 431	-1 968 719	-2.1%
ES	618 592 973		618 592 973	807 508 885	58 741 200	866 250 086	247 657 113	40.0%
FI	191 126 077		191 126 077	287 003 048	5 256 020	292 259 068	101 132 991	52.9%
FR	779 806 772		779 806 772	790 758 986	79 977 240	870 736 226	90 929 454	11.7%
GR	174 132 448		174 132 448	404 639 436	13 924 680	418 564 116	244 431 667	140.4%
HU	497 184 388		497 184 388	451 494 772	3 797 360	455 292 132	-41 892 256	-8.4%
IE	329 171 422		329 171 422	370 374 432	10 823 820	381 198 252	52 026 830	15.8%
IT	356 692 296		356 692 296	615 587 478	48 564 040	664 151 518	307 459 221	86.2%
LT	247 493 642		247 493 642	240 086 941	1 570 380	241 657 321	-5 836 321	-2.4%
LU	12 910 511		12 910 511	15 604 016	344 400	15 948 416	3 037 905	23.5%
LV	104 463 393		104 463 393	156 840 158	928 200	157 768 358	53 304 965	51.0%
MT	3 357 534		3 357 534	17 108 384	71 400	17 179 784	13 822 250	411.7%
NL	36 071 974		36 071 974	65 410 394	7 467 320	72 877 714	36 805 741	102.0%
PL	1 043 825 682		1 043 825 682	1 428 215 650	11 822 300	1 440 037 950	396 212 268	38.0%
PT	235 563 950		235 563 950	447 149 827	9 078 860	456 228 687	220 664 737	93.7%
RO	565 927 879		565 927 879	753 363 627	7 118 580	760 482 207	194 554 328	34.4%
SE	105 868 407		105 868 407	285 271 358	8 918 980	294 190 338	188 321 932	177.9%
SI	100 732 462		100 732 462	111 415 753	1 100 820	112 516 573	11 784 110	11.7%
SK	289 286 329		289 286 329	375 746 953	1 924 300	377 671 253	88 384 924	30.6%
UK	346 343 895		346 343 895	507 798 938	33 841 220	541 640 158	195 296 263	56.4%
Total	8 209 373 256	0.00	8 209 373 256	10 715 031 326	401 149 000	11 116 180 326	2 906 807 070	35.4%

3.3.2. Technical assistance

In the 2010 budget the amount for payment appropriations was € 9 million. The table hereafter presents the payments for technical assistance for a total amount of EUR 4.4 million. The most important part is related to European Network for Rural Development.

Technical assistance – Implementation of payment appropriations	
Budget Item: 05.040502 (in €)	
Description	Amount paid
Seminar on the implementation of rural development programmes	107 687
Contact point of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)	3 928 213
Thematic working groups ENRD	205 202
Experts committee on the evaluation of rural development programmes	76 784
Publications	88 516
Total	4 406 402

3.4. Analysis of expenditure declared by axis and by measure

The table below shows the payment claims declared by Member state and by axis/measure for rural development in 2010 (Q4 2009 to Q3 2010), the cumulative declared expenditure from 2007 to 2010 (Q4 2006 to Q3 2010) and also the financial plans of EAFRD programmes (2007-2013; EU27).

In 2010, the expenditure continues to be concentrated in axis 2 (50.9%), followed by axis 1 with 35.4%, axis 3 with 9.10% and axis 4 with 2.5%. This repartition of expenditure still significantly diverges with the repartition in the financial plans for the 2007-2013 programming period (33.6%, 44.4%, 13.3% and 6% for axis 1 to 4 respectively).

Axis 2 measures mainly involve annual payments (e.g. agro-environmental measures) whilst Axis 1, 3 and, to a lesser extent, Axis 4 mainly relate to multi-annual measures that require longer proceedings for their approval and implementation (e.g. investment projects)..

Compared with the average for the first 3 years (2007-2009), the expenditure in 2010 is more balanced among axes and the share of each axis tends to get closer

to the share in the financial plans. For instance, Axis 2 decreases from 57.8% in 2009 to 50.0% in 2010 while Axis 1 increases from 32.0% in 2009 to 35.4% in 2010.

EAFRD declared expenditure 2010 (Q4 2009-Q3 2010) & Total cumulative expenditure (Q4 2006 to Q3 2010)						
compared with Financial Plans						
	Declared expenditure 2010 (Q4 2009 to Q3 2010)		Cumulative declared expenditure (Q4 2006 to Q3 2010)		Financial Plans 2007-2013	
EAFRD Axis / Measure	(million €)	(%)	(million €)	(%)	(million €)	(%)
111 Vocational training and information actions	78.9	0.7%	156.5	0.6%	1 089.2	1.1%
112 Setting up of young farmers	345.9	3.2%	838.1	3.1%	2 887.5	3.0%
113 Early retirement	351.7	3.3%	1 040.1	3.8%	2 853.0	3.0%
114 Use of advisory services	11.0	0.1%	19.7	0.1%	440.1	0.5%
115 Setting up of management, relief and advisory	2.5	0.0%	4.0	0.0%	93.5	0.1%
121 Modernisation of agricultural holdings	1 728.3	16.2%	3 537.9	12.9%	10 667.0	11.1%
122 Improvement of the economic value of forest	32.5	0.3%	80.1	0.3%	653.7	0.7%
123 Adding value to agricultural and forestry	585.3	5.5%	1 016.0	3.7%	5 647.3	5.9%
124 Cooperation for development of new products	12.4	0.1%	18.0	0.1%	349.3	0.4%
125 Infrastructure related to the development ...	406.3	3.8%	753.9	2.7%	5 129.4	5.3%
126 Restoring agricultural production potential	49.1	0.5%	104.9	0.4%	477.5	0.5%
131 Meeting standards based on Community...	2.9	0.0%	45.0	0.2%	103.9	0.1%
132 Participation of farmers in food quality ...	9.5	0.1%	16.5	0.1%	294.1	0.3%
133 Information and promotion activities	8.0	0.1%	12.9	0.0%	206.4	0.2%
141 Semi-subsistence farming	130.9	1.2%	391.0	1.4%	993.9	1.0%
142 Producer groups	23.2	0.2%	56.2	0.2%	327.9	0.3%
143 Direct Payment (BG + RO)	1.1	0.0%	1.7	0.0%	131.8	0.1%
144 Holdings undergoing restructuring	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	17.0	0.0%
Axis 1	3 779.3	35.4%	8 092.6	29.5%	32 362.5	33.6%
211 Natural handicap payments to farmers in ...	1 003.8	9.4%	3 163.9	11.5%	6 240.9	6.5%
212 Payments to farmers in areas with handicaps...	1 026.7	9.6%	3 269.3	11.9%	7 241.4	7.5%
213 Natura 2000 payments and payments linked..	23.0	0.2%	55.7	0.2%	476.7	0.5%
214 Agri-environment payments	2 897.4	27.1%	8 960.3	32.6%	22 231.3	23.1%
215 Animal welfare payments	62.4	0.6%	143.1	0.5%	543.0	0.6%
216 Non-productive investments	34.6	0.3%	54.7	0.2%	591.1	0.6%
221 First afforestation of agricultural land	179.9	1.7%	636.6	2.3%	2 295.0	2.4%
222 First establishment of agroforestry systems	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	16.4	0.0%
223 First afforestation of non-agricultural land	18.9	0.2%	37.2	0.1%	347.8	0.4%
224 Natura 2000 payments	3.7	0.0%	7.0	0.0%	102.0	0.1%
225 Forest-environment payments	4.9	0.0%	13.1	0.0%	271.4	0.3%
226 Restoring forestry potential and ...	132.4	1.2%	323.6	1.2%	1 609.7	1.7%
227 Non-productive investments	49.4	0.5%	113.5	0.4%	808.9	0.8%
Axis 2	5 437.2	50.9%	16 778.0	61.1%	42 775.5	44.4%
311 Diversification into non-agricultural activities	100.1	0.9%	165.2	0.6%	1 488.9	1.5%
312 Business creation and development	107.2	1.0%	149.8	0.5%	2 208.8	2.3%
313 Encouragement of tourism activities	78.6	0.7%	127.5	0.5%	1 291.0	1.3%
321 Basic services for the economy and rural ...	219.9	2.1%	320.4	1.2%	3 120.2	3.2%
322 Village renewal and development	330.0	3.1%	487.3	1.8%	3 107.9	3.2%
323 Conservation and upgrading of the rural ...	104.7	1.0%	194.8	0.7%	1 314.6	1.4%
331 Training and information	9.6	0.1%	16.9	0.1%	147.5	0.2%
341 Skills acquisition, animation and implementation	17.4	0.2%	35.2	0.1%	150.0	0.2%
Axis 3	967.4	9.1%	1 497.2	5.5%	12 829.0	13.3%
411 Implementing local development strategies...	16.8	0.2%	26.4	0.1%	471.9	0.5%
412 Implementing local development strategies...	1.5	0.0%	2.3	0.0%	167.0	0.2%
413 Implementing local development strategies....	155.5	1.5%	212.5	0.8%	3 877.5	4.0%
421 Implementing cooperation projects	2.6	0.0%	3.3	0.0%	278.6	0.3%
431 Running the local action group, acquiring...	93.3	0.9%	121.5	0.4%	959.8	1.0%
Axis 4	269.8	2.5%	366.0	1.3%	5 754.7	6.0%
511 Technical Assistance	124.6	1.2%	288.0	1.0%	1 876.9	2.0%
611 BG RO Direct Payments	98.7	0.9%	438.2	1.6%	645.6	0.7%
Grand total	10 677.0	100.0%	27 460.0	100.0%	96 244.2	100.0%

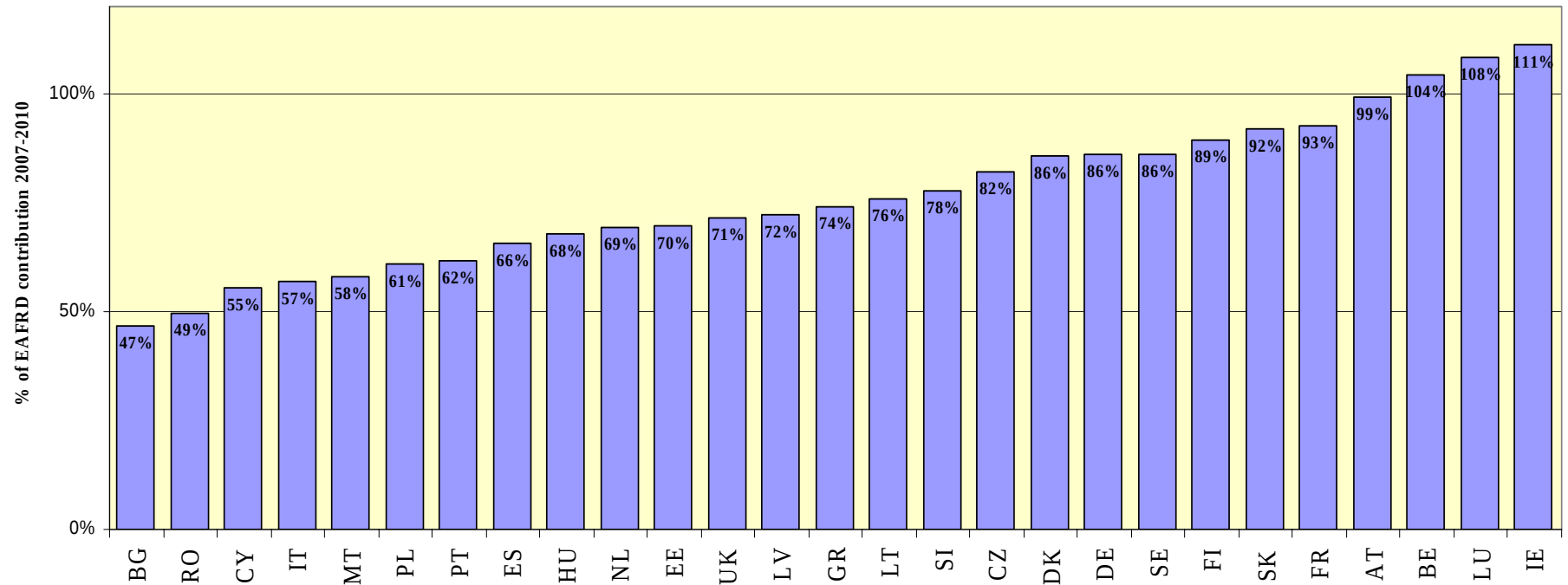
3.5. Implementation of EAFRD programmes

The graph on the next page presents the financial implementation rate of rural development programmes (from the beginning to 2010, including Q4 2010) compared with the 2007-2010 appropriations. The average EAFRD financial implementation rate for all EAFRD programmes is 72.4%.

The graph shows that most Member States have absorbed more than 60% of the 2007-2010 appropriations.

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Graph 1- Financial implementation rate of RD programmes by Member State *
 (% of the EAFRD 2007-2010 payments, including payment claims Q4 2010, compared with 2007-2010 commitments)



* - Payment claims Q4 2010 are included in the graph as they are paid in early 2011.